

NBA standings**Eastern Conference****Atlantic Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Philadelphia	39	14	.736	—	6-4	W-3	17-8	22
Miami	32	20	.615	6½	8-2	W-3	17-7	15-1
Knicks	30	20	.600	7½	5-5	W-1	16-9	14-1
Orlando	27	23	.540	10½	8-2	W-8	17-9	10-1
Boston	23	28	.451	15	8-2	W-1	15-13	8-1
Nets	17	37	.315	22½	3-7	L-3	11-17	6-1
Washington	12	39	.235	26	5-5	L-5	8-17	4-1

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Milwaukee	30	19	.612	—	6-4	W-1	19-7	1
Toronto	27	24	.529	4	5-5	L-1	15-10	1
Charlotte	27	26	.509	5	4-6	L-1	15-9	1
Indiana	22	28	.440	8½	3-7	W-1	13-11	1
Cleveland	20	29	.408	10	1-9	L-9	13-11	1
Detroit	20	32	.385	11½	5-5	L-1	10-15	1
Atlanta	16	35	.314	15	2-8	L-7	11-15	1
Chicago	7	42	.143	23	1-9	W-1	5-17	1

Scores, schedule**Friday's Games**

Knicks 114, Nets 104
Philadelphia 108, LA Clippers 93
Orlando 108, Houston 93
LA Lakers 99, Charlotte 94
San Antonio 91, Minnesota 85
Sacramento 117, Denver 84
Vancouver 92, Golden State 79

Yesterday's Games

Washington at Dallas (n)
Miami at Chicago (n)
Cleveland at Houston (n)
Charlotte at Milwaukee (n)
Atlanta at Seattle (n)
Boston at Portland (n)

Today's Games

LA Clippers at Nets, 1 p.m.
Knicks at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Toronto, 12:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Philadelphia, 12:30 p.m.
Utah at Sacramento, 3 p.m.

Vancouver at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
LA Lakers at Indiana, 5:30 p.m.
Washington at Denver, 9 p.m.
Atlanta at Golden State, 9 p.m.

Tomorrow's Games

LA Clippers at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Boston at Utah, 9 p.m.

Late Friday**Spurs 91, Timberwolves 85****SAN ANTONIO FG FT**

	min	me	ma	r	a	p	pt
Anderson	36	5-18	9-11	5	1	2	21
Duncan	47	7-19	12-16	12	2	2	26
Robinson	30	0-4	6-10	9	3	2	6
Daniels	41	6-9	1-3	3	4	4	14
Porter	30	5-9	1-2	4	3	3	13
Ferry	12	1-3	0-4	4	1	1	2
Johnson	20	2-3	0-2	1	2	2	4
Walker	19	2-3	1-2	5	0	4	5
Kerr	4	0-4	0-0	0	0	0	0
Jackson	1	0-4	0-0	0	0	1	0
Totals	240	28-68	30-47	43	16	21	91

Percentages: FG, 41.2, FT, 63.8, 3-Point

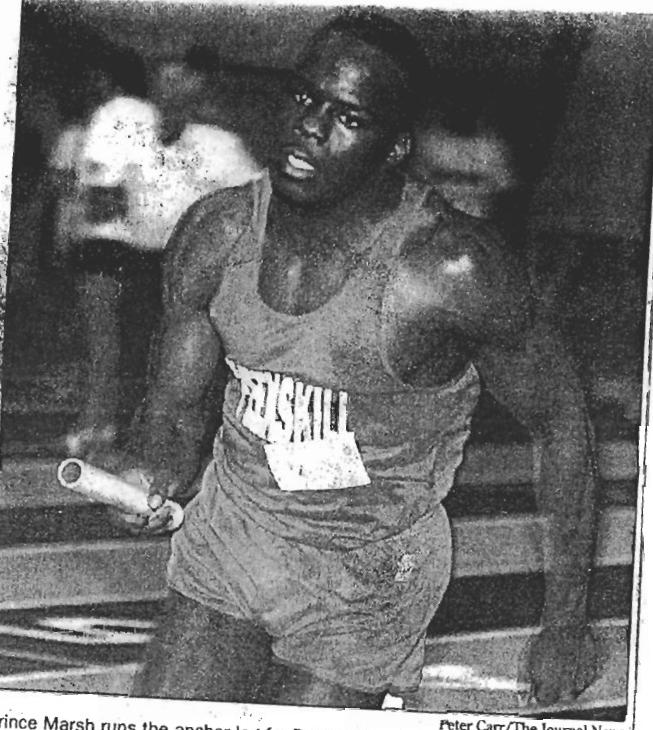
Goals: 5-10, 500 (Porter 2), Anderson 2-6, Daniels 1-1, Ferry 0-1). Team Rebounds: 14. Blocked Shots: 5 (Duncan 2, Robinson, Porter, Anderson). Turnovers: 8 (Duncan 4, Robinson, Johnson, Porter, Anderson). Steals: 4 (Daniels 3, Anderson). Technical Fouls: None. Flagrant fouls: Johnson, 7. Second, Illegal Defense: None.

MINNESOTA FG FT

	min	me	ma	r	a	p	pt
Szczerba	36	4-15	2-2	8	2	0	10
Garnett	45	12-24	7-13	16	5	5	31
Nistorovic	12	0-1	0-0	5	1	4	0
Peeler	28	4-9	1-1	2	3	3	9
Brandon	46	4-13	1-2	5	2	9	9
Garrett	9	0-1	0-2	2	0	2	0
Bilups	18	1-5	2-2	3	2	3	5
Day	10	2-6	1-1	3	3	6	8
Ellis	25	3-9	5-8	9	1	4	11
Mitchell	6	2-3	0-1	0	0	3	4
Slater	5	0-4	0-3	0	2	0	0
Totals	240	32-84	19-30	54	25	31	85

Percentages: FG, .372, FT, .633, 3-Point

Goals: 2-15, 133 (Bilups 13, Day 5, Peeler 0-1, Garnett 0-2, Brandon 0-2, Ellis 0-2). Team Rebounds: 11. Blocked Shots: 3 (Garnett 2, Szczerba 2, Bilups, Peeler). Steals: 6 (Peeler 4, Garnett, Ellis). Technical Fouls: Coach Saunders, 7-41 third. Illegal Defense: None.

San Antonio FG FT

Peter Carr/The Journal News
Prince Marsh runs the anchor leg for Peekskill's winning 800-meter relay team Friday night. Marsh also won the 55-meter dash.

SECTION 1 CLASS B TRACK AND FIELD**Somers achieves biggest win of all**

Tuskers reign again with just one champion

Paul Suwan

The Journal News

WEST POINT — Somers coach Roy Arnesen was cautiously optimistic about his boys team heading into Friday night's Section 1 Class B championships at Gillis Field House.

A week of vacation from school was beginning, so Arnesen didn't know exactly which athletes from other teams would be competing. He did know that some of his top performers, Jordan Rabbid, wasn't 100 percent after a bout with mononucleosis and that team captain Dave Messina wouldn't be available because of a high fever.

In the end, though, the Tuskers quieted their coach's concerns with a terrific team effort. The result was a third Class B indoor title in the last four seasons as Somers scored 77 points to 46 for runner-up Albertus Magnus and 44 for third-place Peekskill.

Pearl River won its 17th straight sectional title in the Class B girls race, putting up 144 points to 85 for Somers and 69 for Rye.

As for Arnesen's squad, it recorded just one win all night — senior Randie Gordon in the long jump with a leap of 20 feet, 2¾ inches — but scored points in all but four events to walk away with a well-earned victory. Gordon also placed second in the 55-meter dash, and Dave Bazzano had a pair of second-place finishes in the 55 hurdles and triple jump.

"We tried to make sure we had solid points in everything," a smiling Arnesen said after the meet. "Not everything went perfectly ... but (the kids) were super tonight."

Peekskill, which figured to contend

though. Instead, they focused on the 800 relay with their stacked team of Marsh, Marlon Lee, Kadeema Nelson and Harland Banks and easily won that event in 1:36.1. Marsh said he would likely forego an individual event at the state qualifier in two weeks to concentrate solely on Peekskill's 800 relay, which qualified for the state championships last season.

"I don't want to go to states and be eighth in the 300 or something like that," Marsh said. "I'd rather bring my team with me and win the 4x2."

Other local boys winners in the Class B meet included Hen Hud's Dan Matson in the pole vault with a clearance of 12-6; Rye's Rob Tillotson in the 1,600 with a time of 4:35.3; and Kennedy's 3,200 relay team of Paul Ladelmo, Paul Wolpert, Billy Morris and Sean Dougherty, which clocked 8:35.1.

On the girls side, perhaps the top performance was turned in by Rye's Kirsten Jordan in the first event, the 1,500 racewalk. Jordan smashed the old meet record by more than 20 seconds with her state-leading 6:56.7 win.

The time was also just seven-tenths of a second off Rye's school record, which is held by Jordan's mentor in the racewalk, former national champion Jamie Yedowitz.

"It's definitely eerie to have Jamie's times as close to mine as they are," said Jordan, who's headed to the University of Wisconsin. "I still talk to her every once in a while. She'll always be my idol."

Strong efforts were also posted by Jordan's teammate Juliette Kenny, who won a controlled 1,000 in 3:10.6; by Byram Hills' Francine Ward, who won the 600 in 43.7 and was second in the 600 in 1:45.3; and by Somers' Kristen Boniello, who finished first in the high jump and on the 800 relay and took second in the long jump.

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My God, will it ever end!

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NCN SPORTS REPORT WEEK 8 BOYS HOOP POLL

No.1 KENNEDY — The health of injured All-league guard James Gray is still in question for first round of sectionals for the 15-2 Gaels, ranked No.10 in NYS and a likely 2/3 seed in tourney in Class B.

No.2 PEEKSKILL — No.15 Red Devils lost to a darn good Kennedy team from the Bronx and look the 4-seed in Class B tourney.

No.3 MAHOPAC — Markoe might get some attention for League I-D Coach of the Year for 12-7 Indians, but this rookie boss in Poughkeepsie is getting it done in Po-town. No.4 PANAS — Ossining has to want the 10-7 Panthers pretty badly this week.

No.5 LAKELAND — 9-9 Hornets nearly beat once-beaten Greeley for the second time this season.

No.6 OSSINING — 6-9 Indians lost in OT to Hamilton

but shocked the hell out of the rich boys at Scarsdale.

No.7 HEN HUD — Avenged a loss to Beacon and hopes to get a seed higher than 14 in tourney.

No.8 CROTON — I'll take the Sailors by two over the 8-9 Tigers this Saturday, 60-58, provided they're healthy.

No.9 YORKTOWN — I can't make up any more excuses for the recent tailspin. O.K. One more! I tripped and fell over the midcourt line the other day in that dungeon you call a gym. Get some lights lit, so the fella's can see the rims. You know I love you, Yorktown.

No.10 JOHN JAY — Need a big win for post-season confidence.

No.11 BRIARCLIFF — See John Jay

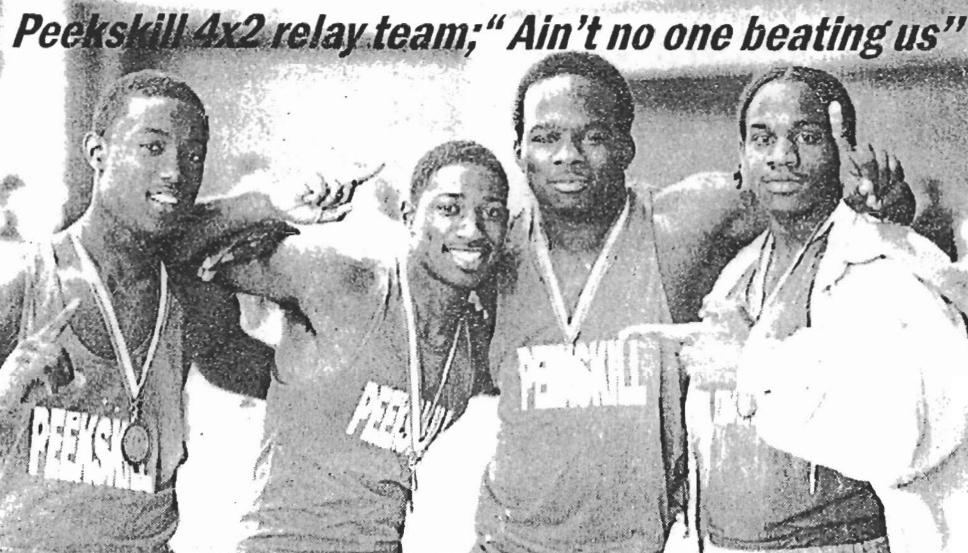
No.12 SOMERS — Break out the mitts and sticks.

Ray Gallagher is behind this poll

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EPORT**Commentary**

I do during a 4-hour blackout



Chatty & bold, the Peekskill 4-200-meter relay team of Harland Banks, Kadeem Nelson, Prince Marsh and Marlon Lee are on a mission to win both the sectional and NYS titles, and they ain't shy about saying so.

Sav might beg to differ, having taken down Somers last year.

Anyhow, there you have it. Amazing, maybe? But Somers, the top bananas, clearly comes out on top based upon this subjective and totally arbitrary five-point must system for the six major boys sports in the NCN region. Though, you could easily put more stock in the Class A schools, based upon the stricter competition. I'd do the girls programs, but the lights have come back on. Try this at home if you like and e-mail your results to rgallager@northcountynews.com. It's safe and pain-free for the most part...

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Perhaps, "Replaceable" wasn't the word I should have used to describe Mahopac seniors Mike Stern (a starting point guard), Chad DeMarzo, Jon Rothstein and Dan Cross. I was merely making a point about the potentially grand future of coach Don Markoe's 12-7 Indians, who have a vast majority of their scoring contributions coming from a host of talented underclassmen.

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